

What is claimed is:

1           1.    A method for enhancing activity to regenerate an electron acceptor for  
2           oxidoreductase of a microorganism capable of producing the enzyme, the method comprising  
3           culturing the microorganism in a culture medium with low concentration of dissolved oxygen  
4           during the period that the enzyme is expressed.

1           2.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of dissolved oxygen  
2           is 50% or less saturation.

1           3.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of dissolved oxygen  
2           is 20% or less saturation.

1           4.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the concentration of dissolved oxygen  
2           is 10% or less saturation.

1           5.    The method according to claim 1, wherein the oxidoreductase uses nicotinamide  
2           adenine dinucleotide (NAD<sup>+</sup>) or nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide phosphate (NADP<sup>+</sup>) as an  
3           electron acceptor.

1           6.    The method according to claim 1, wherein said oxidoreductase is alcohol  
2           dehydrogenase.

1           7.    The method according to claim 1, wherein said microorganism carries a foreign  
2           gene encoding oxidoreductase.

1           8.    The method according to claim 7, wherein said microorganism is *Escherichia*  
2           *coli*.

1           9.    A microorganism capable of producing oxidoreductase whose activity to  
2           regenerate an electron acceptor for oxidoreductase is enhanced by the method according to  
3           claim 1.

1           10.   A method for producing an oxidized form of organic compound, the method  
2           comprising contacting the organic compound with the microorganism of claim 9.

1           11.   The method according to claim 10, wherein the organic compound is alcohol.

1           12.   A method for producing optically active alcohol, the method comprising  
2           contacting the microorganism of claim 9 with racemic alcohol to specifically oxidize either  
3           (S)-enantiomer or (R)-enantiomer in the racemate.